SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Sir, Pressler proposed an amendment and that is how Pressler is famous. The Pressler Amendment is precisely concerning Pakistan and really it prevents the Government of the United States from giving aid or military technology to Pakistan because it finds ... (*Interruptions*). I read the operative portion for the information of the Members. It says, "No assistance shall be furnished to Pakistan"... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: The main question is what India will do.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Suggestions of National Tripartite Committee on Cotton Textiles

*166. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goernment are considering various suggestions of the National Tripartite Committee on Cotton Textiles;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to revise the basic Textile Policy;

(c) whether any efforts are underway to evolve an integral policy covering the powerloom, mill and handloom sectors; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Government reconstituted the Industrial Committee on Cotton Textiles Industry comprising representatives of Government, employers and workers for discussing the problems facing the units which have become sick and the preventive measures to be taken in regard to other units. The first meeting of the Committee was held on 21-2-92 and its suggestions are under consideration.

(b) to (d) Government are examining the recommendations made by the Abid Hussain Committee appointed to reivew the progress of implementation of Textile Policy.

Pending Projects of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

*167. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have requested the Union Government to give early clearance to various projects of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ):

(a) No project from Uttar Pradesh is pending clearance in the Planning Commission. Two flood control schemes of Madhya Pradesh are pending for approval in the Planning Commission. These are (i) Shivana Flood Control Scheme (revised estimate) and (ii) Flood Protection Scheme for Shujalpur town.

(b) These two schemes will be considered for investment approval after the Eighth Plan for Madhya Pradesh

is finalised and sectoral allocation for irrigation sector is fixed for projects and relative priorities are indicated by the State Government.

रोजगार के अवसरों का सृजन

*168. **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :**
कुमारी सईदा खातून :

क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत दो दशकों के दौरान रोजगार के अवसरों में प्रतिवर्ष 2 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है जबकि बेरोजगारों की संख्या में 2.5 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा बनाई गई नई योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) :

(क) रोजगार तथा बेरोजगारी के संबंध में राष्ट्रीय प्रतिदर्श सर्वेक्षण संगठन द्वारा संचालित व्यापक पंचवार्षिक सर्वेक्षण के आधार पर सामान्य मुख्य तथा द्वितीयक स्थिति के अनुसार रोजगार में 1972-73 से 1987-88 की अवधि के दौरान 2.2 प्रतिशत की वार्षिक दर से वृद्धि होने का अनुमान है। बेरोजगारी में 1972-73 में 3.8 मिलियन से 1987-88 में 9.2 मिलियन तक वृद्धि होने का अनुमान है। बेरोजगारी का विस्तार 1972-73 में 1.6 प्रतिशत तथा 1987-88 में 2.6 प्रतिशत था।

(ख) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में जिसे अन्तिम रूप दिया जा रहा है। वृद्ध प्रक्रिया में रोजगार सृजन में तेजी लाने की परिकल्पना है। वृद्धि प्रक्रिया में सृजित रोजगार के पूरक के रूप में विशेष रोजगार कार्यक्रम को उपयुक्त रूप में प्रयुक्त करने का प्रस्ताव है ब्यौरे तैयार किये जा रहे हैं तथा उन्हें योजना दस्तावेज में शामिल किया जायेगा

Missing Fishermen from Tamil Nadu

*169. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that eight Indian fishermen hailing from Kanyakumari district in Tamil Nadu, who were employed in Saudi Arabia with Assam Issa Abuhassaim Quatif, Taroot are reported missing for the last three months after they had set out to fish in the Saudi Arabian sea;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any representation from their relatives in this regard;

(c) whether the Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia has informed Government about this incident; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken to trace the missing fishermen?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Immediately on learning about the disappearance of our fishermen, we sought the assistance of Saudi Arabia and other countries in the region to locate them apart from alerting our own Navy and the Navies in the region. Unfortunately, our efforts have not borne fruits so far and therefore we are still pursuing the matter vigorously.